# FORM B – BUILDING

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**Town/City:** Town of Eastham

**Place:** *(neighborhood or village)*: Eastham Center

**Address:** 180 Locust Road

**Historic Name:** Cole - Moore House

**Uses:** Present: single-family residence

Original: single-family residence

**Date of Construction:** ca. 1880

**Source:** deeds, vital records, historic maps

**Style/Form:** Colonial Revival/gable block

**Architect/Builder:** Scotter P. Bangs, probable builder

**Exterior Material:**

Foundation: concrete block

Wall/Trim: vinyl clapboards/wood

Roof: asphalt shingle

**Outbuildings/Secondary Structures:**
Garage, ca. 1920

**Major Alterations** *(with dates)*:
Shed dormers raised front & rear, ca. 1985
Vinyl siding added, ca. 1985
Kitchen wing renovated, ca. 1985

**Condition:** good

**Moved:** no ☒ yes ☐ **Date:**

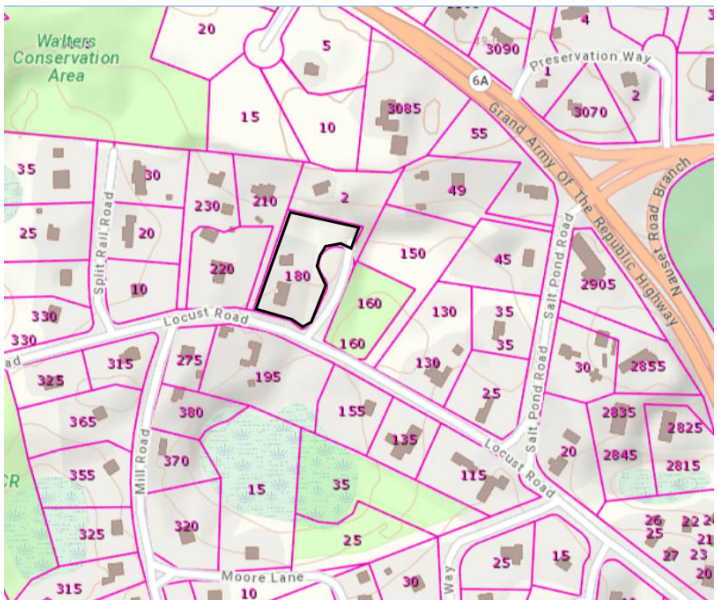
**Acreage:** 0.90

**Setting:** The house is situated in a historic community group known as the Old Town Center. The historic properties have been subdivided and now are in the midst of mid-20th-century residential development.

## Photograph

View from SW.

## Locus Map (north at top)




Source: Mass GIS Oliver Parcel Viewer

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**Organization:** Eastham Historical Commission

**Date**: June 2020

☐ Recommended for listing in the National Register of Historic Places.

## ARCHITECTURAL DESCRIPTION

The Cole – Moore House, built ca. 1880, is a story-and-half wood frame single dwelling with a gable roof, center chimney, five-bay front façade, center entrance and kitchen wing. Its late construction date makes it quite *retarditaire* even in the Eastham context. In ca. 1985 shed dormers were raised on the front and rear of the roof and vinyl siding added. The kitchen wing appears to have been extended by the addition of a cross-gable room; more recently, the wing has been sided with unpainted wood shingles. A large garage is sited behind the house, beyond which the remaining parcel is wooded. The house is set within a open year with mature plantings and a hedgerow on the westerly side along the driveway of an adjoining flag lot.

## HISTORICAL NARRATIVE

No house appears on the site of the house now numbered 180 Locust Road on the 1858 and 1880 maps of Eastham, though it was probably built shortly after the 1880 map was created. When Eastham carpenter Scotter P. Bangs sold a four-acre parcel in 1889 to Sylvester L. Cole, a house, a barn, and a garden existed on it, but deed research has not established from whom Bangs acquired the parcel.[1] The 1880 federal census appears to show Sylvester Cole and his family in this neighborhood, and he may have rented the house from Bangs until he acquired it later in the decade. If Scotter P. Bangs did not build the house before he went west (see below), perhaps his father Seymour Bangs did.

Sylvester Lewis Cole (1846-1902) was the youngest son of Daniel Cole (1804-84) and his wife Mercy Higgins, and he grew up in South Eastham, between Bridge Road and Cape Cod Bay and north of Boat Meadow River. His father was a master carpenter in 1860, but his older brothers were mariners and farmers, and he was himself a currier in 1870 when he married sixteen-year-old Ella F. Gill of Eastham. The 1880 census lists him and his wife in the household with their children Daniel and Bertha and his elderly parents, Daniel and Mercy. In 1900 Cole was a farmer living on 180 Locust Road with his wife, son Daniel, the carpenter, daughter Bertha, and two grandchildren.

Sylvester Cole died in 1902, and his will left the use and income of his estate to his wife Ella and, after her death, to their two children. In 1907 the three Coles sold the five-acre property and its buildings to Albert D. Moore for eight hundred dollars.[2] Albert Dill Moore (1866-1956) was the son of Eastham mariner Winslow A. Moore and his wife Margaret Holden Moore, and he was working as a painter in Sharon in 1891 when he married Eva M. Johnson, a native of Woodstock, Maine. The 1910 census clearly indicates that the Moores were living at 180 Locust Road. Albert Moore was a painter, paper hanger, and interior decorator, and he and his wife had two children—Berenice, born in 1899, and Maurice, born in 1901—living in the household; daughter Esther J. born in 1891, was no longer living with her parents and by the 1920s was teaching in Passaic, New Jersey. In 1926 the town taxed Moore on a house valued at $1500, a barn and shed at $345, a poultry house at $30, the four-acre homestead, and an acre of woodland.

In 1930 and 1940 only Albert Moore and his wife lived in the Locust Road house. In 1928 Moore petitioned the state land court to clarify the boundaries and subdivide the parcel; the original five-acre tract was subdivided six times between 1928 and 1987.[3] Eva Johnson Moore died in 1951 and her husband Albert in 1956, and the 180 Locust Road property passed to the Moore's two daughters. In 1983, after Esther Moore died, Berenice D. Moore filed for a new certificate of title about the same time that she sold the house and its lot to Robert A. and Patricia M. Labranche of North Eastham; she died in Cambridge in 1985. Patricia Labranche was the owner of record of 180 Locust Road in 2020.[4]

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[1] Scotter P. Bangs to Sylvester L. Cole, 21 May 1889, BCD 190:546.
[2] Ella F. Cole, Daniel A. Cole, and Bertha F. Cole, Brockton, to Albert D Moore, 10 April 1907, BCD 330:501. Ella Cole married again, in 1909, to Brockton engineer Asa M. George and died in 1945; she is buried in Eastham with her first husband.
[3] See Land Court Plan 15708-A (March 1928) through 15708-F (28 September 1987). The house is on an undivided parcel in 1928, on Lot B in 1934, on Lot B1 in 1948, and on Lot 5 in 1987.
[4] Commonwealth of Massachusetts Land Court in re: petition 15708 of Albert D. Moore, 8 June 1933, Certificate 3238; Petition Berenice D. Moore, 30 December 1983, Certificate 95182; Berenice D. Moore, Locust Road, to Robert A. and Patricia M. Labranche, North Eastham, 28 October 1983, Certificate 95934; Robert A. and Patricia M. Labranche, 180 Locust Road, to Patricia M. Labranche, 1 February 2018, Certificate 215475.

Scotter P. Bangs (1837-1902) was the son of Seymour and Annie M. Bangs of North Eastham; he learned the carpenter's trade from his father. In 1857 he married Julia Nickerson, daughter of Hatsel and Sarah Nickerson. According to his obituary, around 1870 he moved to Chelsea with his brother, John H. Bangs, where he was employed for the next seven years as a toll collector on the Winnisimit Ferry. From there, the brothers went to Chicago where they lived for about four years; then, in the early 1880s they bought a sheep farm in Spearville, Kansas. By 1888 they had sold out and moved back to Chicago. Shortly after, John H. Bangs moved to Omaha, Nebraska, and Scotter returned to Eastham and resumed working as a carpenter. (He evidently had returned by 1889 when he sold the 180 Locust Road house to Sylvester L. Cole.) Owing to failing health he retired in 1900; both his wife and mother died that year. In November 1901 he went to live with a niece, Mrs. J.Y. Gill, in South Wellfleet. He was buried [5]

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[5] Obituary, unknown paper [1902]. https://archive.dennishistsoc.org/handle/10766/6863.

## PHOTOGRAPHS

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View from south.

View from SW.

View of rear wing from west.